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Victim lost his left eye following 'cowardly' attack on New Year's Day

MAN JAILED FOR ATTACK

A NINETEEN-year-old who took part in a 'cowardly' gang attack on a good samaritan has been jailed for 18 months.

John Pluckrose, 19, from Randolph Close, Leigh, beat his victim so viciously he lost an eye.

The 51-year-old man had attempted to intervene at McDonald's as the group abused staff on New Year's Day.

Police were called to the take away in Walthamstow, at 8.07am, on Wednesday, January 1, to reports of a group of men assaulting a customer.

The attack happened on the ground floor of the restaurant after the victim had gone inside.

While waiting at the counter to be served, a group of eight people entered the restaurant and started shouting at staff as they were not happy with the delay in getting food.

The victim told the group to

stop talking to staff that way.

One of the group started arguing with the man and threatened him.

The threats continued until the victim went to leave and he was punched in the face.

Other suspects then punched and kicked the victim.

Finally one of the suspects broke away and grabbed a large plastic cleaning cone and hit the man in the face and head with it.

He was taken to an east London hospital where his left eye was removed.

CCTV footage and witnesses helped identify the three main suspects, who included Pluckrose.

Kingsley Gordon-Allen, 20, of Ashville Road, Leytonstone, was sentenced to three years in prison for one count of grievous bodily harm with intent, to run consecutive with an eight year sentence for causing death by

dangerous driving.

Ashton King, 21, of Boundary Road, Walthamstow, was also sentenced to nine years in prison for one count of grievous bodily harm and one count of possessing a controlled drug with intent to supply.

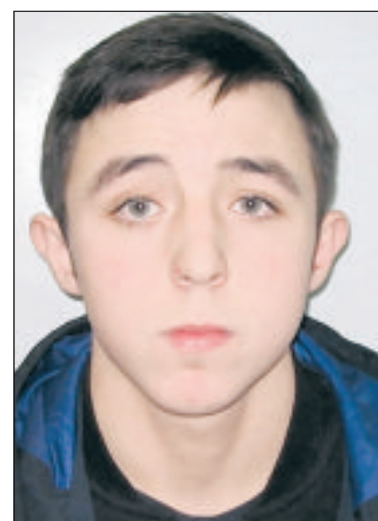
Detective inspector Tor Garnett, from Waltham Forest CID said the attack was unprovoked.

He said: "The member of public was rightly trying to intervene to prevent the men abusing McDonald's staff.

"As a result of this cowardly attack, the victim lost his eye.

"I am delighted that the people responsible will now spend a considerable amount of time in jail.

"The officer investigating the case, detective constable Marcos Marco, has worked tirelessly in order to ensure justice is done."



JAILED: John Pluckrose

Cancer support and advice centre opens

A DEDICATED £650,000 centre offering people support and advice about cancer has been officially opened at Southend Hospital.

The new Macmillan Information and Support Centre will offer information to people who are receiving chemotherapy and radiotherapy treatment in the south of the county.

Former patients, Janet Wagstaff and Roger Bassett, approached the hospital and charity to try and attempt to set up an information area.

They were joined by general manager at Macmillan Cancer Support, Carol Fenton, and chairman of the hospital, Alan Tobias, last Tuesday to officially open the centre.

Mrs Fenton, from Macmillan explained every day 19 people in Essex hear they have cancer and ten die each day from the illness.

She said: "This number is set to rise, so by 2030 the number of people living with or beyond cancer in Essex will fill Southend United's Roots Hall stadium over eight times.

"Macmillan believes no one should face cancer alone we hope having facilities like this new centre will go a long way to making that a reality for the local people in Southend."

Chief executive of the hospital, Jacqueline Totterdell, said she had been happy to work in partnership with Macmillan.

She said: "Feedback from our patients has



Friederike Englund and Anna Davis
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shown that having an area which formally provides information and support for people affected by cancer and their families will be

tremendously beneficial in helping them deal with what can be a distressing and emotional time."

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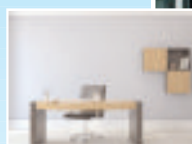
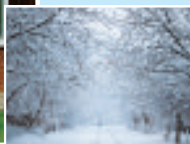


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Southend knife crime rises by almost a third

KNIFE crime in Southend has risen by almost a third in the past year.

Latest figures released by the Essex Police Crime Commissioner, Nick Alston, show a 31.1 per cent rise in knife crimes in Southend between March 2013 and February this year, compared to the previous year.

The number of incidents involving knife crime has risen to 295 compared to 225 to they year before, showing an increase of 70 incidents.

It places the borough among the highest rising areas for knife crime in the county.

Countywide the figures for knife crime have risen by 8.3 per cent, showing 117 more incidents were reported.

Mr Alston, explained he was working the Chief Constable of Essex Police to understand the nature of crime patterns.

He said: "It is likely that part of this

specific increase is due to the changing demographics of some of our communities, increased reporting of domestic abuse incidents, and police activity around organised criminal groups.

"I will also continue to support the ethical and proportionate use of stop and search tactics to target those carrying weapons or dealing in drugs.

"We must make it clear, through education, community pressure, polic-

ing and sentencing that it is not acceptable for a person to carry a knife or weapon.

"We should also seek to ensure that the manner in which an offender is treated is designed to ensure that they will not re-offend are maximised."

Anyone who has any information about people carrying knives or a violent incident is about to occur should contact Essex Police either by calling 999 or 101.

Art gallery pops up in shopping centre

A POP-UP art gallery has been set up to showcase the creative talent of Southend.

South Essex College has joined forces with The Royals Shopping Centre to create the exhibition space opposite Debenhams as part of the Southend Festival.

Work on display ranges from photography to paintings, sculptures and ceramics.

There will also be the addition of poetry workshops for writers of all ages.

A selection of more than 200 photos are on display from a competition launched in February on the Southend Festival website.

All the photos are of local landscapes or buildings.

Jo Taylor, marketing manager for the college said it had been extremely difficult to pick the winning photos.

She said: "The quality has been exceptionally high.

"We are very grateful to the Royals Shopping Centre for allowing us to exhibit some of the outstanding images in an easily accessible public space." Southend Poetry Group will be running two poetry workshops in the unit locat-

Jade Withington from South Essex College and Dawn Jenkins centre manager the Royals
Picture by Mark Cleveland



ed next to Sarah Beth Jewellery, from 10am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 3pm on Saturday, June 7.

Chair of the group, Dorothy Turner, said if people were not sure where to start with their poetry they could offer help.

She said: "Our poets include

experienced leaders who have facilitated poetry workshops in libraries, prisons and community groups and are happy to work with people at any stage of their experiences of writing or interest in poetry."

"During all the events, it will be possible for visitors to pick up a

Southend Festival brochure from the pop-up gallery.

Dawn Jeakings, centre manager for The Royals, said she was keen on the photography in the gallery.

She said: "I'm delighted to be able to create this opportunity for our customers to connect with budding young artists and writers."

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Body found

POLICE investigation the disappearance of Jack Fenwick have found the body of a man at a nature reserve in Barling.

Jack went missing from his home in Herschell Road, in Leigh overnight on Friday, May 16.

His father reported him missing at 5am on Saturday, May 17.

A member of the public on Saturday, May 17, phoned the police at 12.30pm saying he had seen a man reported missing at the reserve that morning.

Officers attended the reserve, which is just off Mucking Hall Road, but the man was found dead.

The family of Jack Fenwick have been informed and formal identification will take place by the coroner.

Police officers injured

FOUR police officers were injured in a fight in nightclub Talk on Sunday morning.

Police were called to the Lucy Road, club at 2am following reports of two men fighting in the club.

A large disturbance then broke out involving around 30 people.

The officers were all injured while they were trying to disperse the group.

The injuries were not serious but they all needed medical attention.

DI Julie Gowen, of Southend CID said she wanted to hear from anyone inside the club or who had seen what happened.

She said: "I want to speak to people who may have seen the assaults on the police officers and club staff being injured as a result."

Anybody that can help with any information is asked to contact Southend CID on 101.

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Archbishop of Canterbury praises homeless charity



WELCOME: The Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Revd Justin Welby, is greeted by HARP Trustee and Treasurer, Peter Thorn, HARP chief executive Gill Garwood, Eileen Cottrell and the Bishop of Chelmsford, the Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell



UNVEILED: HARP Trustee and Treasurer Peter Thorn, unveils the plaque in honour of John Cottrell, a long serving trustee of HARP, with help of the Archbishop

THE ARCHBISHOP of Canterbury visited the Homeless Action Resource Project's (HARP) Bradbury Centre last Saturday.

The visit saw The Most Revd Justin Welby view the facilities at the centre and talk about the homelessness issue in Southend.

The Archbishop said the centre was 'the kind of thing that was needed' to tackle the issue of homelessness.

He explained: "It's a local effort with a vision of ending homelessness, rough sleeping particularly, in Southend in four years and that's a fantastic vision of huge importance."

HARP's chief executive Gill Garwood, said it was an honour for HARP to be recognised by the Archbishop for the work done for

homeless people.

She said: "This visit is a great morale booster for our staff and service users."

"There has been tremendously exciting atmosphere around the Bradbury Centre in the lead up to welcoming the Archbishop and we have all been really looking forward to this memorable occasion."

While the Archbishop was at the centre he also unveiled a training room dedicated to John Cottrell, a long serving trustee of HARP.

Mr Cottrell was also the father of The Right Revd, Stephen Cottrell, the Bishop of Chelmsford.

HARP treasurer Peter Thorn, who was a life long friend of the Cottrell family, said a few words before the unveiling of the plaque for the room.



ON THE STREETS: HARP chief executive Gill Garwood, HARP service operations manager Gary Turner with the Archbishop

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Handbag stolen

A WOMAN had a handbag stolen from a buggy she was pushing in Friars Park, Shoeburyness last Thursday.

The woman was approached by a man at 8.10am who demanded she give him her handbag. She refused but the suspect grabbed the bag off the back of the buggy.

In her attempts to get the bag back, the woman suffered injuries.

The suspect is described as a white male, around 29 years old, slim build and 5ft 10in tall. He was wearing a dirty looking grey tracksuit and zipped jumper and white trainers.

Details to Victoria Leese at Southend CID on 101.

Cast chosen for youth theatre show

SOUTHEND Theatres have cast their Summer Youth Project, Our House, with 80 performers.

Our House is the story of Joe Casey, who on the night of his 16th birthday, takes the girl of his dreams out on their first date. To impress her he breaks into a building site and the police turn up and Joe's life is split in two.

The cast will perform the show between Thursday, August 7, and Sunday, August 10 at the Palace Theatre.

Mental health meeting

SOUTH Essex Partnership Trust (SEPT) are inviting the public to attend its council of governors meeting tomorrow (Thursday).

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Watering hole up for award

A PROJECT that saw a pub beer garden in Southend transformed has been shortlisted for a National Learning Disability Award.

The vegetable garden developed at the Railway Hotel, Clifftown Road, by Project 49 was a finalist in the Citizenship Category.

The special project was initiated by Graham Burnett, a staff member at Project 49.

It began when he discovered the landlord, Dave Dulake, wanted the beer garden to receive some attention.

Graham suggested Project 49 could create a raised garden to help service users learn about growing fruit, flowers and vegetables and enjoy working in a team.

Dave loved the idea and allowed Graham to take a corner of the garden for the project.

To help pay for it,

Graham ran a fundraiser at the pub with local bands giving their time for free.

People from Project 49 spent time at the garden learning gardening skills in a real life environment.

The council's group manager in the safeguarding and community teams, Carol Cranfield, believes the project is a 'positive, practical example of community cohesion in action'.

She said: "I am very proud of my team for this inspirational venture and am delighted that the judges have recognised it too, by shortlisting it for this national award."

"The garden is flourishing and many lives have been positively affected."

"Service users now feel confident about using the pub for a night out and regulars are confident when interacting with people with learning disabilities."



GROW: Fi Dulake waters the plants in the beer garden at The Railway Hotel

Picture by Mark Cleveland

Pub landlord Dave thought the garden looked fantastic.

He said: "It completely fits in with our outlook, and all credit

to Graham and his team. They have transformed what was essentially a piece of waste ground into something special."

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'Let's get Shoebury East Beach open'

A FACEBOOK campaign and a petition has been set up to try and get Shoebury East Beach open.

The campaign called 'Let's Get It Open' has been set up by a member of the Essex Kite Surfing School.

It comes after East Beach was closed on Friday, May 2, due to unexploded bombs washing up on the shore.

Businesses have said the closure of the beach has had a knock on effect on takings because people think the whole area has been shut down.

Simon Mudd, owner of the Essex Kite Surfing School said although the beach was closed he was working from Uncle Tom's Cabin.

He said: "I'm okay I can carry on running the kite school but I feel sorry for the businesses that can't move away from the beach."

"The beach shutting has been a major inconvenience for everyone who has a business there."

"I went down there at the weekend and there were only a few hundred people there."

"Usually with the weather we had at the weekend there would be thousands of people down there."

"We have started the petition and have been putting up banners to raise local awareness in the local community."

"I just can't see how they are going to stop the bombs washing up."

"This has been going on for a while but since the dredging it's obvious it's got worse."

"There are certain areas of the beach you can see that have lost about a foot of mud."



CAMPAIGN: Simon Mudd is supporting the campaign to get East Beach open.

Picture by Mark Cleveland

"It is sliding into the channel that the dredgers have created."

A worker at Jak 'n' Billy's burger stall at East Beach said the takings over the weekend were down by 80 per cent.

The worker who did not want to be named said: "I'm supporting the campaign to get it open and signed the petition."

"What people don't realise is that the green is still open and all the facilities are still open

so they can come and relax here."

"It has been disastrous, people are getting out of their cars and seeing the beach is shut and just leaving, it is awful."

To sign the petition visit www.change.org/en-GB/petitions/southend-council-ministry-of-defence-m-o-d-get-east-beach-re-open-again

Or visit the Facebook page Let's Get It Open.

Beach could be reopened by the end of next month

SHOEBURY East Beach could be open by the end of June following an investigation by the Royal Navy.

The beach was shut on Friday, May 2, due to a large amount of unexploded bombs being washed up.

On Thursday, May 15, councillors met with members of the Ministry of Defence (MOD) to find out the future of the beach and when it would open.

In a joint statement between the council and MOD, the two parties have said they have agreed to accelerate the time scale for the surveying work to be done.

They said: "Sampling work is already underway in the MOD owned area across East Beach and West Beach."

"At the request of the council, the MOD have agreed to prioritise the assessment of the licensed public area of the beach in recognition of the importance of this beach to residents, visitors and businesses."

"The next steps of the survey require a two day explosive ordnance reconnaissance led by the Royal Navy."

"This is not a clearance operation but will involve the investigation of a number of sample areas identified by ongoing surveying work."

"The MOD have already asked for this work to be done as soon as possible and have assured the council that it will take place by early June."

"Once exact dates have been confirmed we will make a further public statement."

"In the meantime we have agreed to start work on a joint risk assessment of the area which will be necessary to inform decision making over the re-opening of the beach."

"The risk assessment will be informed by the ongoing survey and the investigation works that will be undertaken by the Royal Navy."

"Once the investigation works have taken place, within two weeks the MOD will analyse the results from within the licensed area and a decision will be made by the council about the reopening of the beach."

"Both organisations recognise the impact of this issue on the community and will continue to work in partnership on this matter."

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THE Southend British Heart Foundation (BHF) is appealing to local residents to search for items they can donate to the charity.

Area manager, Louise Harbour said the shop in Southend High Street, urgently need decorative items in the shop.

She said: "We need items such as teapots, vases and ornaments."

"We absolutely rely on the support of the local community to keep us running and without their vital donations, we risk reducing funding for vital research into heart disease."

"If each household were willing to spend just half an hour having a clear out and donating to the shop, they would be helping to save lives, it really is as simple as that. Please join the fight for every heartbeat and donate your unwanted items to your local BHF shop."

Coronary heart disease is the UK's biggest killer and last year BHF raised more than £31 million to go towards life saving research.

APPEAL: Sarah Pooley, manager at the British Heart Foundation Shop in Southend, needs more bric-a-brac items

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Drop in sessions to offer advice about cancer care

PEOPLE who have just found out they have cancer can get expert advice about their care at drop in sessions in Southend.

Fair Havens Hospice Macmillan nurses are reaching out to the community by holding the sessions in the Havens Hospice shop, in Alexandra Street.

They will also offer support to friends and families of those who are suffering from the life threatening illness.

Fair Havens Macmillan nurse, Nicola Henderson said the idea of any kind of care and support from a hospice can be daunting.

She said: "It can be especially daunting if someone has only just been told there are no further treatment options available to them.

"Making that first step is often the hardest.

"These drop in sessions give members of the public, who may be ill themselves or be concerned about someone who is, the chance to have a friendly informal chat with us about their worries.

"Just by listening to them we can give them advice or if appropriate point them in the direction of services that can help them."

The team can help by answering questions about diagnosis, care choices, survivorship end of life care or bereavement.

Debbie Servant, head of Fair Havens Hospice services, is hoping face to face contact



Nicola Henderson and Colette Wilks

with the team will help break down some barriers of anxiety that people face when people are referred to the service.

She said: "Being diagnosed with a life limiting illness and being told there is no cure is overwhelming.

"It can be difficult to know who or where to turn to when

your mind is racing with new information and emotions.

"The care we offer in the community and at our hospice is there to help patients throughout the journey of their illness.

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Diabetes sufferer finishes first stage of two wheel challenge

Ride on Dave

A MAN who suffers from diabetes has completed the first of his four planned cycle challenges to raise money for Diabetes UK.

David Allen was diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes in 2003 and struggled to manage his condition until he climbed on a bike two years ago.

In that time he has lost a stone-and-a-half in weight and has managed to control his illness.

After completing the Cambridge 50 mile event at the end of April, the software developer, from Collins Way, Leigh, said months of training over the wet winter months had paid off.

He said: "I was really pleased to get through the first of my four rides and I really enjoyed it."

"Even the rain held off until we went through the finish line."

His next three cycling challenges are the Essex County 60 miles in June, London to Southend, in July and finally in the same month another 50 miles at the Essex Castle ride.

Sharon Roberts, Eastern regional manager for Diabetes UK, said David's fundraising was also raising awareness of the illness.

She said: "He is proof that cycling, like other forms of physical activity, can help people stay fit and better manage their diabetes."

"For those with the condition it is also one way of helping keep blood glucose levels stable, an important part of keeping control of diabetes and avoiding complications including heart problems, blindness and amputation."

"Keeping at a healthy weight with sensible diet and being physically active can significantly reduce the risk of developing diabetes in the first place."

To donate to David's fund and read more about his challenge, visit www.justgiving.com/daallen



RIIDE: David Allen has completed the first of his four challenges to raise money for Diabetes UK

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Efit released of attacker

WANTED: This is an **efit** of a man wanted in connection with punching a man in the stomach

POLICE want to speak to this man in connection with a 67-year-old man being punched in the stomach.

The attack took place on Wednesday, April 16, at 3.35pm in a multi-storey car park in London Road, Westcliff.

The man confronted the victim after he pulled into a parking space and got out of his car.

He then hit the victim in the stomach before walking off.

The suspect is described as white, at least 6ft 2in tall, with thinning grey hair, a beard and aged around 50 to 55.

He was wearing a blue top and dark jogging bottoms with yellow stripes down the side.

If anyone recognises the man in the efit they should contact Southend Police on 101 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



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Benefit cheat jailed for 12 weeks

A MAN has been jailed for claiming housing benefit on a made up address in Southend.

Roy Vassell, 47, of Guildford Road, Guildford, who denied 15 counts of housing benefit fraud, was found guilty after a trial at Basildon Magistrates Court on Friday, May 9, and was sentenced to 12 weeks in prison.

He was also ordered to pay back £1,615.54 of wrongfully obtained housing benefit.

Mr Vassell received the amount in housing benefit from Southend Council, for what he described as a basement flat in Clifftown Road, Southend.

The council later cancelled his claim after he failed to reply to a request for more information.

However Mr Vassell then asked the council for

£4,100 worth of housing benefit to cover rent arrears he said he owed his landlord.

He said the landlord had hired a debt recovery company which was pursuing him for the money. Following his reluctance to give details about his landlord and tenancy, the benefits team suspected his claims.

The corporate fraud investigation team, then visited the basement which was uninhabitable and where no flat existed.

Further inquiries showed that Mr Vassell said he had been living at the property where he had spent time and money decorating, but could not show what improvements he had made, or describe the owner or landlord.

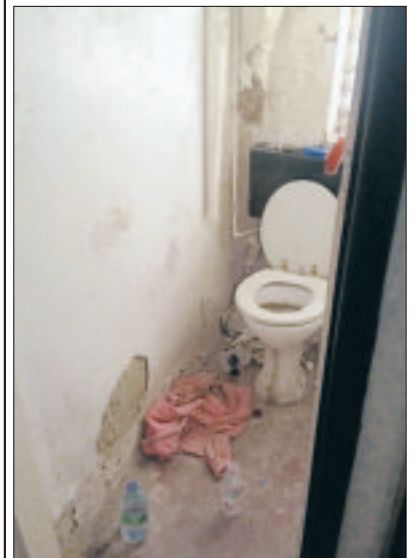
Basildon Magistrates Court heard there was

never a flat at the address, and he had completed a false tenancy agreement and a false application for housing benefit.

Mr Vassell was also found to have compounded the offences by repeatedly applying for the back-dated money he was not entitled to.

The council's corporate director for corporate services, Sally Holland, said although the council was committed to paying benefits to those who are entitled to it, the authority had a duty to protect the public purse and take action against people committing fraud.

She said: "It is an offence to claim benefits fraudulently and as this case shows can lead to imprisonment as well as the repayment of the benefits."



The basement which Roy Vassell claimed housing benefit for

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Shop reopens

A FORMER pageant queen helped officially reopen the Co-operative store in Leigh Broadway last week.

Flora Crossman, 89, won the Leigh Pageant Queen in 1951 and has been a regular customer for 35 years and was chosen by staff to help celebrate the launch of the new look store.

Breakfast meeting

THE next breakfast meeting for Networking on Sea will be held on Tuesday, May 27, at the Park View, in Chalkwell Park.

The meeting arrival time is 7.30am for and 8am start and there are no membership requirements.

Dementia campaign

SOUTHEND Council is supporting the new Dementia Friends campaign to help people develop an understanding of dementia and turn it into action to help people in their community living with the disease.

The campaign, launched by Public Health England and Alzheimer's Society, is encouraging people in Southend to become a Dementia Friend by watching an interactive video online to increase their understanding of the disease and implementing their experience on a daily basis.

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The Green has also created 40 new jobs for people in Southend.

New flights to Newquay take off

FLYBE celebrated its inaugural flight to Newquay Cornwall Airport from Southend Airport last Saturday.

The flight will leave Southend three times a week over the summer through to Saturday, September 27.

Fares start from £20.99 per person for a one way fare.

Meet Peppa Pig and her brother George

TWO of the biggest stars of pre-school TV, Peppa Pig and her little brother George will be appearing at the Royals Shopping Centre on Wednesday, May 28.

People can take their children along and have photos taken with the pair.

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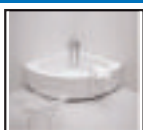
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Opinion and readers' letters

What is your party going to do?

THERE are some very odd things going around in the run up to the local elections. People are sending out official-looking surveys, forming do-gooder groups and waving petitions all over the place, but where are the policies?

If someone knocks on my door I ask them straight out, what is your party going to do about the traffic on the Arterial, developing Southend Pier, failing schools, derelict buildings in Victoria Avenue etc etc? Don't tell me you're listening or working for residents – tell me what you are going to do.

The same goes for campaign letters – if they are all waffle with no clear plans, then blue, red, yellow or purple they go in the pink sack.

**Ric Morgan
Westcliff**

Last minute notification is a game of chance

CAN anybody tell me what has happened to the appointment system at Southend

Hospital?

My relative always requests a late appointment for the Endocrinology unit because of age, mobility and travelling but normally gets an early one as you are not told when you attend clinic when your next appointment is. By the time she gets the letter from them and calls in to change it, the appointments are then gone and you then have to wait your turn again.

When my GP organised an appointment for my husband on ENT, we waited ages for a letter and had we not had the initiative to phone in we would never have known we had been placed on the wrong list. We waited for his second appointment after he had been seen and again we had a long wait and had to request a letter telling us when that was. It's the same with X-ray appointments.

I worked on ENT years ago and it used to be policy to let the patient know there and then on the day of their visit. What happens if the patient receives a letter and they have an important commitment so they cannot attend hospital?

Has the NHS sunk to an all time low where we play games with patients (stick the pin in the donkey's tail and you might just get an appointment). No wonder so many patients are not turning up for medical appointments – could it be it's the system that's at fault and not playing straight with the patient? How can they

attend if it's not written on their calendar? Last minute notification is a game of chance.

**Mrs V Burgess
Prittlewell**

A problem cannot be solved

EVEN given its propensity for mad schemes I can hardly believe that Essex County Council is contemplating reverting to traffic lights at the Woodman's Arms, they were done away with years ago and, in order to ease traffic flow, replaced with mini roundabouts. Don't these buffoons realise that traffic along Rayleigh Road will never flow smoothly at all times because of the simple fact that there is too much of it for the road to accommodate?

Everyone on wheels knows the frustration of waiting at traffic lights while nothing moves in any direction, especially at off peak times when one is the only driver at the junction. The traffic situation is as bad as it is because of free for all development.

The only (impossible) solution to the problem is demolish all the houses along one side of the road and turn Rayleigh Road into a dual carriage way. This will ease the flow from the Weir to Victoria House but, of course only

shunt the problem a little further along. It has to be admitted sometimes that a problem cannot be solved, only prevented from worsening. In this case by curtailing development in Castle Point.

**Ron Hurrell
Hadleigh**

Stroke club is here to help

THERE has been much deserved praise, in the local press recently, for all the exceptionally good work that has been carried out by Dr. Paul Guyler and his team on the Stroke Unit at Southend Hospital, in providing fast treatment for patients that are admitted following a transient ischaemic attack (mini stroke). Usually, following a short stay on the ward, many who have suffered such events are discharged home and are able to lead a relatively normal life.

Sadly there are many who have not been so lucky, having slipped through the net, and have suffered a more serious form of stroke, leading to them having to lead a much reduced quality of life as a result of

varying forms of disability.

The Southend Stroke Club, a local registered charity, was formed in 1978 to provide the friendship and comfort of congenial social gatherings for Stroke survivors to help improve their quality of life. The club meets on two Monday evenings each month in Southend-on-Sea, with a current membership of approximately 30 stroke survivors whose degree of disability varies. Partners/Carers/Helpers are very welcome as associate members.

New members are welcome and further information about the club, and how to join, are available from the club's welfare/social secretary Christine Bailey on 01702 710714.

The club would also welcome volunteers to help in many ways, but in particular to provide transportation to/from the club, for our members, on meeting nights. Volunteers with the ability to drive a wheelchair accessible passenger mini-bus would be an advantage and very welcome. Escorts are provided. For further information about volunteering (with either car or mini-bus) please contact the club's transport officer Alan Watkins on 01702 474482.

To find out further informa-

tion about the club in general, please visit our web site www.southendstrokeclub.btkic.co.uk.

Your call will be very welcome.

**Alan Watkins
Leigh-on-Sea**

The 'going away present' I feared

ON Thursday April 24 the planning committee approved plans for a private development of nearly 500 flats, in South Hornchurch on the old Somerfield Depot on the A1306.

But the buildings are too high, roads too narrow, amenity space too small and there's not even any housing allocation for local people!

This is a recipe for a 'buy-to-let sink estate' and is the sort of 'going away present' I feared would be delivered by the planning committee just before the local elections.

**Clr David Durant
Rainham and Wennington
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The trench knife was taken from the display case at The Bay Military Museum, in Western Esplanade, sometime between 10am and 1.15pm, on Monday, May 5.

Police believe the knife was taken whilst volunteers were showing members of the public around when it was open during the last Bank Holiday Monday.

It is known as a trench dagger and has the markings GMH STERLING, ESSEX REG.T, 1916 inscribed on it.

It also features a knuckle duster style grip and has Sheffield Steel and Vulcan on the blade.

Anybody with any information about the theft, or who may have been offered the item is asked to contact PCLisa-Ann Gore.

She said: "The museum would like to get the piece back as it is very important to them. It is also a weapon and we would like to get it back in safe hands."

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Military knife stolen from Canvey museum



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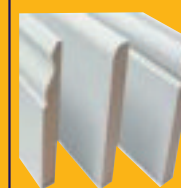
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Meatballs Tagine	£5.95
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Asparagus Romana	£6.95
<i>Wrapped and grilled with pancetta onion, garlic served on leaf salad (Vegetarian comes without pancetta)</i>	
Stuffed Pepper	£5.50
<i>Stuffed roasted pepper, filled with wild mushroom risotto and tomato sauce</i>	
Mixed Dips	£5.50
<i>A mixed selection of homemade humus, tzatziki and dolmades served with pitta bread</i>	

HOT/COLD STARTERS

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Scallops Gratin	£7.95
<i>Chopped king scallops, cooked with onion, garlic, mushroom, white wine cream, grilled with cheese</i>	
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Crab Mornay	£6.95
<i>White sauce, avocado & baked with cheese</i>	
King Prawns	£7.95
<i>Cooked with white wine, parsley and garlic butter</i>	
Calamari Espana	£5.50
<i>Lightly floured deep fried calamari, served with salad, garnish and homemade tartar sauce</i>	
Moules Marineire	£6.50
<i>Finished with tomato or cream sauce</i>	
Goat Cheese & Beetroot	£5.50
<i>Baked, finished with basil and balsamic dressing</i>	
Goat Cheese Vegetali	£5.50
<i>With roasted mixed vegetables & basil dressing</i>	
Seafood Crepes	£6.95
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Halloumi Nicosia	£5.59
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Oysters Gratin	£7.50
<i>Oysters, grilled with shallot, parsley & mushroom, cream, grilled with bread crumbs cheese</i>	

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Spanish Paella	£16.95
<i>Cooked with squid, mussels, prawns, chicken, chorizo, red pepper, onion, garlic, garden peas, coloured and perfumed with saffron</i>	
Moules Marineire	£10.95
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Fillet of Salmon	£14.95
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Monkfish and Prawns	£15.95
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Monkfish and Pancetta	£15.95
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King Prawns Thermidor	£15.95
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Chicken Chasseur	£10.95
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Veal Asparagus	£13.95
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Veal Mushroom	£11.95
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Rack of Lamb	£15.95
<i>Oven roasted rack of lamb, minted cream potato and red wine sauce</i>	
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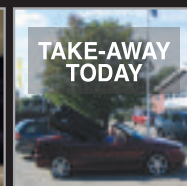
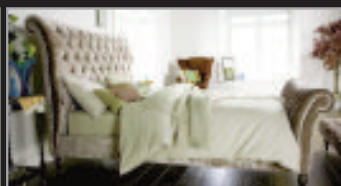
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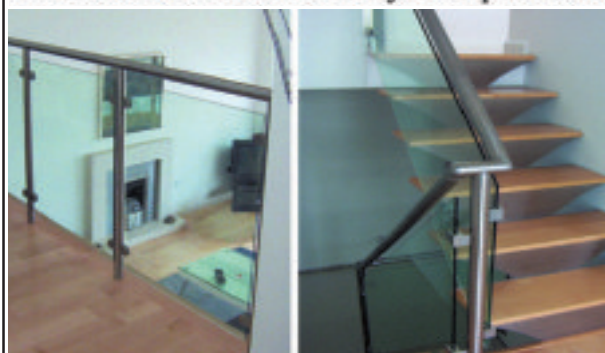
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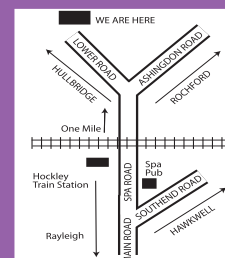
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WIND IN YOUR SAILS: Matt Harwood-White, leisure services manager at Rochford Council and Rayleigh Windmill lead volunteer Trevor Rand receive the award from host Sue Perkins

Windmill walks away with award

RAYLEIGH'S historic windmill sailed into first place in a national contest for its superb customer service.

It beat stiff opposition to come top in this year's National Museums and Heritage Awards for Customer Service Excellence last Wednesday in London.

The council's head of community service, Jeremy Bourne, said: "We are thrilled

to walk away with such a prestigious award - thanks to the work of the council's leisure team and in particular the many volunteers that give so much of their time to provide such dedicated service to the local community.

"We are very proud that Rayleigh Windmill has won this award, especially considering the quality of entries from across the country."

He added the prize winning event had been a glittering occasion and a recognition of the hard work and dedication of the volunteers of Rayleigh Windmill.

BAFTA-winning comedienne and broadcaster, Sue Perkins, announced the winners and handed over the council's award to the leisure team and lead windmill volunteer Trevor Rand.



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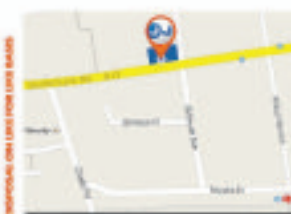


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Hindu temple marks 10th anniversary

HINDUS celebrated a milestone anniversary in Southend.

Worshippers at The Baps Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Hindu Temple in Queensway celebrated the holy centre's 10th anniversary over the weekend.

Celebrations were held over three days with hundreds of people attending the singing, drama and multimedia presentation.

Amee Desai, one of the volunteers of the Mandir, said it was a wonderful time for the local Hindu community.

She said: "It has been 10 years since the Mandir opened in Southend.

"It really reinforced the importance of Mandirs for a number of reasons, including for our spiritual development, to preserve traditions and to unit family and friends."

CELEBRATION: Worshippers celebrating 10 years at the Mandir by bathing a God

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B17 bomber crash on Canvey in 1944 to be commemorated

THE DAUGHTER of the sole survivor of the 1944 American B17 bomber crash on Canvey, is coming to the island with her husband for a memorial service for the men who died there, next month.

Local historian Alan Jasper, who has spent nearly 40 years researching the incident which cost 11 lives, planned the service.

Two bombers collided over the Thames as they returned from a raid on a German rocket site – one ended up in the mud on Canvey, the other in the river.

Alan said: "I thought this year was probably the last time anyone who witnessed the crash would be able to come to a gathering."

"Gunner Dick Andrew, now 90, is the only survivor of the crash on June 19, 1944.

"Unfortunately Dick is too infirm to travel, though he is very interested in the plans, and his daughter Barbara Tarbox and husband Dave will be here and it's not their first visit to Canvey either."

Alan has struck up a friendship with Dick and his family, visiting them in the states and entertaining them in the UK.

"I managed to trace some of the crew and contact them. I even put three of them in touch with each other. "I found two; Jack Gray and Lloyd Burns lived just a 20 minute drive away from each other in California and they met up regularly after I pointed that out.

"They also met with Dick Andrews



SERVICE: Alan Jasper.
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who was in Florida then but moved later."

"It is a shame Dick can't get to the UK, for the service, but it's too much to ask at his age."

"I have discussed the service with the Rev David Tudor, who will officiate, and we hope to see anyone who remembers the crash to come along and

swap stories.

Alan added: "We will remember the airmen of the collision and all allied airmen whose sacrifice ensured that the freedoms we are able to enjoy today were safeguarded. They gave their tomorrow for our today."

Alan hopes the American attaché will also be at the service, mayors and

chairmen from neighbouring councils are expected to attend.

■ Anyone who would like to learn more about the service at 11am at St Nicholas Church, 208 Long Road, Canvey, can contact Alan Jasper by email alancjasper@btinternet.com or write to 5 Leigh Heights, Hadleigh, Essex, SS7 2JN.

Collision facts

■ A formation of B-17 Flying Fortresses from the 379th Bomb Group United States Army Air Force were approaching the River Thames from the south, on the June 19 1944 just after 6pm, returning from a raid on a V1 site in France.

■ Suddenly two of the aircraft came together locking for a second or two. Then one fell away breaking up and falling into the River Thames. The other circled around as parachutes appeared and the crewmen escaped.

■ This one small incident claimed the lives of eleven men, part of the bomber offensive carried out by RAF Bomber Command and the Eighth Air Force which cost the lives of around one hundred thousand airmen.

■ One of the planes crashed into mud at Canvey Point, the other fell into a minefield in the Thames.

■ The incident cost 11 lives.

■ On June 23 three of the dead were buried at the American Military cemetery in Cambridge.

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'A Unique Dining Experience'

THE Maharaja promised us a unique dining experience and it achieved just that with mouth-watering food served in a beautiful setting that was fit for a King.

The award-winning restaurant, in London Road, Benfleet, is justly proud of its exotic royal cuisine, presented to diners through a vast menu packed with exquisite dishes and chef specialities.

After much deliberation we began our meal with two outstanding starters – Kakori Kebab alongside everyone's favourite Indian treat, Onion Bhaji. While the kebab of lamb tantalised the taste buds with an exotic blend of spices, the Maharaja added its own personal twist on the bhaji as the sliced onion and flour combination was mixed with its own blend of fresh herbs, sauce and light spices, before being fried in sunflower oil.

It was then back to the menu to pour over even more dishes and select two main courses to enjoy. It was almost an impossible choice as, along with many diner's favourites the restaurant has a vast range of specialities including lobster, King prawn, salmon, trout and exotic freshwater fish from the Indian Ocean, such as Tilapia, and a variety of exciting new dishes including ostrich, venison, duck, whole leg of lamb and whole chicken.

Wanting to enjoy a range of tastes I opted for the Tandoori Mixed Grill – a selection of Tandoori Chicken, Lamb Tikka, Chicken Tikka, Seekh Kebab – all cooked to perfection and served with naan bread, while my wife chose the King Prawn

Butterfly, a jumbo prawn, lightly spiced with fresh herbs before being deep fried in sunflower oil, with a side serving of vegetable rice.

If that was not enough to delight the taste buds, the Maharaja's chef specially prepared a dish of Lobster Piara for us, a well-come addition to an already vast array of colour, smells and tastes on our table.

Having already eaten like Kings I'm afraid we had no room for dessert, but if you do then there are a wide selection on offer, or you can sit back and relax with a tea or coffee, or an alcoholic drink from its well stocked bar.

The Maharaja is an Indian restaurant full of heritage which serves unique and exotic Royal Indian cuisine in a traditional setting that is, quite frankly, fit for a Maharaja.

The All family say they pride themselves on providing excellence in cuisine, service and ambience for each and every diner, and they definitely do just that as we were well and truly spoiled by their friendly staff from the moment we arrived to the moment we left. And it isn't just the front of house staff that are extremely accommodating, as the chef is also happy to please diners by creating their favourite dishes right down to their own personal requirements.

As well as its extensive a la carte menu, the restaurant offers so much more thanks to its buffet bar, DJ entertainment on

Thursday, Fridays and Saturdays, and its dance floor from which you can see yourself on the big screen

.There's also a comfortable VIP Lounge area with a beautiful chandelier which you can book for everything from birthdays to anniversaries for a maximum of 12 people, and throughout the year the restaurant is the perfect place for a range of special occasions, including Father's Day. On Sunday, June 15, the restaurant will be serving a three-course buffet, plus a free bottle of Cobra beer for dads, so book now to avoid disappointment.

What's more, Charity Nights like the one that was being held when we dined at the Maharaja, which packed its tables, are also very popular so if you have a good cause you need to raise money for then contact staff at the restaurant for more information.

The Maharaja, which has wheelchair access as well as parking on the front forecourt, is open from noon to 2.30pm, and from 5.30pm to 11.30pm, from Monday to Wednesday; from noon to 2.30pm, and from 5.30pm to midnight, from Thursday to Saturday; and from noon to 11pm on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

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NIGHT AT THE OPIERA

By **LIZ WADE**

IT will be the first time opera has been performed at the end of the world's longest pleasure pier, and what better way to do it than with Mozart's *Così Fan Tutte*.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's masterpiece about love, loyalty and the battle of the sexes will be brought bang up to date on Saturday, June 21, when Opera24's production takes over Southend Pier's Royal Pavilion.

The original opera, which has an 18th Century setting, has been replaced with 21st Century London with a witty, contemporary libretto, new orchestrations for a seven-piece orchestra and snappy staging to suit the contemporary surroundings of Southend's newest arts venue.

The tale follows two handsome young City traders, Guglielmo and Ferrando, who boast about the faithfulness of their girlfriends - Fiordiligi and Dorabella. However, their cynical bachelor friend, Don Alfonso, advises that they should not be so trusting and warns them that women are all the same – a reference to the opera's title.

He then bets them that he can prove his point and Guglielmo and Ferrando accept the challenge. Pretending to be called away, only to return wearing rather unusual disguises, each man chats up the other's partner to see if the girls really are as loyal as they

believe. Of course, this being opera, things don't quite go to plan.

Previous critically acclaimed performances of the production have delighted audiences who have praised the cast including Edward Saklatvala as Ferrando, Christopher Jacklin as Guglielmo, Ian Helm as Don Alfonso, Louisa Tee as Fiordiligi and Australian-born Mezzo-Soprano, Sophie Yelland, as Dorabella.

Louisa, who trained at Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, Trinity College of Music and English National Opera's Opera Works, has taken to the stage in recent roles including the Queen of the Night and Donna Anna, while Edward, who graduated from Cambridge University where he sang in the choir of King's College, sings with some of the country's leading choirs and opera companies.

Christopher, an award-winning lyric baritone, is a much-in-demand singer and teacher, while Ian made his solo operatic debut with Hampstead Garden Opera in November 2011, singing the role of the Constable in Vaughan Williams' *Hugh the Drover*.

They will be joined by young lyric soprano, Danae Eleni, who plays Despina, who made her Purcell Room debut in 2009 in the world premier of *Mrs Lazarus*.

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Jennifer Lawrence as Mystique
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X-MEN: DAYS OF FUTURE PAST (12A, 131 mins)

DIRECTOR Bryan Singer, who helmed X-Men in 2000 and its successor, returns to the Marvel Comics fold to direct this big budget sequel to both X-Men: First Class and yesteryear's spin-off, The Wolverine.

Professor Charles Xavier (Patrick Stewart) has witnessed mankind's intolerance and prejudice towards the mutant including Wolverine (Hugh Jackman), Storm (Halle Berry) and his old friend turned nemesis, Erik Lehnsherr aka Magneto (Ian McKellen).

When the fate of the human

race hangs in the balance and all hope seems lost, Xavier takes the bold decision to alter the past in order to fashion a brighter future for everyone, regardless of their mutant status.

Wolverine ventures back in time to enlist the help of the young Professor X (James McAvoy) and Magneto (Michael Fassbender), who preside over an uneasy alliance of mutants including alluring shape-shifter Mystique (Jennifer Lawrence), hirsute brawler Beast (Nicholas Hoult), Quicksilver (Evan Peters), Havok (Lucas Till) and Toad (Evan Jonigkeit).

Released: May 22



Wolverine (Hugh Jackman) goes back in time to warn Charles Xavier (James McAvoy)
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Theatre

Cosi Fan Tutti Frutti as opera comes to pier

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Versatile conductor, John Jansson, who will be familiar to jazz fans for his work with the London Jazz Sinfonia and Sir John Dankworth, but is equally renowned for his classical work, says that fans of any musical genre are in for a treat.

He said: "Opera is full of fantastic music and gripping drama and Cosi Fan Tutti is no different.

"By creating contemporary productions, Opera 24 aims to reach out to opera virgins, whilst giving the cognoscenti a fresh look at a much-loved favourite, and from previous audience's reactions, this Cosi really does have something for everyone."

The event is being presented by former singer, Liz Lincoln, and Opera24. Liz, who is famed for her

work promoting jazz events in the county, is the artistic director and organiser of the internationally renowned Southend International Jazz Festival and is also the prime mover behind Opera 24's performance at the Royal Pavilion.

Liz added: "What could be more appropriate than taking Mozart's romantic masterpiece, giving it a witty, slick and sophisticated makeover and then staging it in a venue that also represents a modern take on a much-loved classic."

"This version of Cosi will reward newcomers to the genre, just as much as seasoned opera lovers."

The performance is being supported by Southend-on-Sea Borough Council, whose acting head of economy, regeneration and tourism,

Scott Dolling, said: "We are delighted to welcome the acclaimed company Opera24 to the Royal Pavilion."

"We believe they and the audience will discover that this terrific venue at the end of our iconic pier is an ideal location for a spectacular evening of opera."

"We are very much looking forward to this innovative production of a timeless Mozart masterpiece, and hope it proves a magical event for audience and performers alike."

Tickets for the evening, which starts at 6:30pm with a champagne and canapés reception, followed by the performance at 7:30pm, cost £35 and include a programme and return fare for the pier train. For further information or to book, call 01702 215620 or visit: www.visitsouthend.co.uk

Liz at Large

YA features reporter Liz Wade goes out and about with her boys



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A prize for the best dressed boy and girl will be awarded each day for those who come in Edwardian costume and if you visit over the Bank Holiday weekend, from May 24 to 26, you can meet colourful costumed actors from above and below stairs.

For further information visit

www.hevercastle.co.uk

■ ORSETT HALL: Strawberry Fayre, May 26

Orsett Hall, in conjunction with The Partyman Company, will be putting on a family event from noon to 5pm on Bank Holiday Monday, with free admission.

There will be strawberries and cream, tea rooms, barbecue, craft stalls, a bar, craft stalls and psychic readers, while for children there will be a live show from Jimbo the Partyman, face painting, donkey rides, side stalls and much more! There will be a small charge for some of the attractions and for an £8 wristband children can enjoy unlimited fun in an inflatable park, circus skills workshops, under five's area, and enjoy football skills and balloon modelling.

For further information about the event, which has a £1 car parking fee, visit www.orsetthall.co.uk

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WAR:: Wrest Park

can also take along a kite and make the most of Hyde Hall's big open spaces and magnificent views of the Essex countryside.

Special activity days will also be held from 10am to 3pm, from May 27 to 30, where children can make earth dumplings, bug hotels and insect hats for just £2 on top of normal garden admission.

For further information visit www.rhs.org.uk

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■ Rayleigh History Walk, 3pm from Rayleigh Windmill, Bellingham Lane, off High St. £2 pp, info: 01268 775328.
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Sunday, May 25

■ Dinner Jazz, Westcliff Hotel, 1pm 01702 345247.
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■ King's Church Southend at Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, every Sunday 10.30am-noon, a church where knowing Jesus makes all the difference. 01702 523639.

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■ Sunday Club, TGH Evangelical Church, Kiln Road, Thundersley, (children 3-12 years), Bible stories, craft, singing, every Sunday 10.45-11.45am, no charge, further details 01702 554904.

■ Mojo Friendship Club, Travellers Joy, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, 11.30am, meet weekly, open to all, details Mo on 07757 658799.

Monday, May 26

■ Jazztet with John Sharpe saxophone/Alex Field Guitar, Oakwood Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, 8.30pm, 01702 512819.

■ Spikes Place, Hadleigh Conservative Club, 24, High Street, Hadleigh, Essex, SS7 2PB. 01245 420475. 8.30pm, Derek Nash Quartet, £12 members £9.

■ Beginners Art Classes- Women's Institute Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh,

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■ Leigh Scrabble Club, 7-10pm. All standards welcome. Welsley Hall, Leigh Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea. Just turn up or call Peter on 01268 727915.

■ George Hurd Centre, Basildon, for the over 50's. Craft: 10am-12pm, Taichi: Whist 9.45-12.30, 10am-12pm, Art: 12.30-2.30pm, Choir: 2.30-4pm, Indoor bowls: 2-4pm. £2, 01268 465854.
■ Senior Citizens Club, Benfleet's No 1 Club, Richmond Hall, Benfleet, meets Mondays 1.30-3.30pm, entertainment, all welcome.

■ Southend Christian Counselling Service, do you need to talk, open to all, Mondays 5.30-7.30pm and Thursdays 2-7.30pm, further details call our 24 hour answer machine 01702 335252 and we will get back to you.

■ Over 50's Keep-fit Classes, Fryerns Community Centre, Monday afternoons, further details Pat 01268 770294.

■ Over 50's session, Megacentre Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Badminton and Table Tennis 2-4pm. £3.50 includes refreshments and equipment. 01268 773100.

■ Activity Session for adults with special needs, (term time only), 10am-12pm. The Megacentre, Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £1 per session, no charge for carers.

■ Duplicate Bridge, Balmoral Bridge Club, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh (opposite Thames Drive), Mondays 1.15pm-4.30pm and Tuesdays 7pm-10.30pm, call Vernon on 01702 343611 or Tony 01702 520993.

■ Duplicate Bridge, Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, 62 Southchurch Boulevard, Southend, non-members of all standards welcome, Mondays 2-4.45pm (no partner needed), evenings 7.30-10.30pm, call Danny 07843 771774.

■ Weekly Craft Workshop, St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, Benfleet, every Monday 6-8pm, further details Michelle 07730 582784.

■ Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group, Mondays and Wednesdays 8-10pm, James Hornsby High School, Rayleigh Road, Laindon, further details Jeff Levy 07951 681582 or email join@basildonplayers.co.uk

■ Zumba, Pitsea Day Centre Over 50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, every Monday 9.15-10am. 01268 465432.

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Pavement, Pitsea, every Monday, 11am-1pm. 01268 465432.

■ Club 60, Southend, various activities every weekday, 9.30-4pm, tea bar, non-members welcome, £2 day pass, details 01702 613562.

Tuesday, May 27

■ Rayleigh Horticultural Society's Club Night at St Michael's Church Hall, Sir Walter Rayleigh Drive. A talk by Pauline Dickenson, entitled 'Narrow Boats' 8-10pm, £1.50 members and £2.50 non-members.

■ Art Class- Beginners and experienced students welcome, Women's Institute Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, 10am-12pm with Paul Alcock. 01702 615475. paulalcock43@yahoo.co.uk

■ Table Tennis, 7.30-10.30pm, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £3.60 per session.

■ Singles Friendship club for 55+ and over. Are you single and over 55? Then don't be alone come along to our friendship club and you will be sure of a friendly welcome. Every Tuesday at aThe South Benfleet Social Club with a variety of events. Maureen 01268 692998.

■ Weekly Craft Group, Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Road, Leigh. 2.30-4pm. No charge or booking required. Emma 01702 471873.

■ Willows Park Short Mat Bowls Club require new or experienced players. We meet at the James Hornsby School, Laindon weekly. First session free call or text Alan on 07952 043456.

■ May Tea Dance, 1.45pm at Cedds Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff. Ballroom, Sequence, Latin. Friendly Group, all welcome 07767 406194.

■ Evening of Clairvoyance, with Norman Oakes at St Cecilia's Christian Spiritualist Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, 7.15pm, £2, enquiries Anne 01702 556470.

■ Folk Music, The Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, 'Steve Tilston', 8pm. 01702 715111.

■ Tea Dance, Ashington Memorial Hall, Ashington Road, Rochford, ballroom, Latin and sequence, every Tuesday 2-4pm. 01702 584575.

■ Health Walk, Salvation Army, Hadleigh, 10.30am, meet Castle Lane car park, Hadleigh, every Tuesday, details 01702 318121.

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■ Exercise Class for people with breathing difficulties, run by 'Breathe Easy' part of the British Lung Foundation, Ambleside Sports and Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, Tuesdays 12.45-2.30pm. 01702 610050/466827.

■ Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group meets every Tuesday and Friday, Fryers Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, wide range of activities and outings, Tuesdays 9.30am-2pm and Fridays 10am-2.30pm.

■ Evening of Clairvoyance, St Cecilia's Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, every Tuesday 7.15pm, £2, enquires Anne 01702 556470.

■ The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, Yoga: 10-11am, Sit down Yoga: 11.10-12.10, Keep fit: 12-1pm, Line Dancing: 1.20-2.20pm, Chess: 1.30-3.30pm, Craft: 1.30-3.30. 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.

■ Singles Social Group, meets The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age group 50plus, every Tuesday 8pm. 07970 432994.

■ Singles Friendship Club for 50 plus, South Benfleet Social Club, every Tuesday 8.15pm, further details Maureen 01268 692998.

■ New and Nearly New Stall, outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, facing the gardens (if wet in church foyer), every Tuesday 10am-noon.

■ Table Top Sale, Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, every Tuesday 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems. 01702 258661.

Wednesday, May 28

■ Roche Art Group meet weekly on Wednesday, 7.30-9.30pm, for more info call Gill 01702 421737.

■ The Walking Partnership, 9.5 mile walk, 9.15am, Hanningfield to Ramsden Heath, pub lunch stop, - 07870 322290.

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■ Paulalcock43@yahoo.co.uk.

■ Civil Service Retirement Fellowship, Social afternoons, speakers, Refreshments etc. Westcliff, Balmoral Community Centre, Salisbury Ave, 4th Wednesday of each month. 2-4pm.

■ Activity Session for children with special needs, ages 5-18, (term time only). The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh. Donation of £1 per session, siblings welcome.

■ Graham's Social Tea Dance, every Wednesday, Richmond Hall, Richmond Ave, Benfleet. Light hearted afternoon, of Ballroom & Latin and sequence dances for dancers of all abilities. 2-4.25pm, large free car park, strictly over 18's, £4 per person. 01268 752473.

■ George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50's. Keep fit: 10-11am, Sit down keep fit: 10-11am, Salsa/Ballroom: 11.30am-12.30pm, Sequence Dance: 12.30-1.15pm, Art: 1.30-3.30pm, Indoor bowls: 1.30-3.30pm, £2, 01268 465854.

■ Singles Connection Friendship and Social Club, open evening at the Haywain for over 45s, Five Bells roundabout, Fobbing, 8.30pm, last Wednesday of every month. 07902 252758.

■ Barn Dance, Grand Cellidh Club, Royal Naval Association, East Street, Southend, live music from Slow Loris, 8.30pm. 01702 553622.

■ Indoor Carpet Bowls, St Edmunds Hall, Pantile Avenue, Southend, every Wednesday 2-4pm, further details contact Olive 01702 309280.

■ Played Bowls Before? Come and try it at FS&S Club, Gardiners Close, Basildon, all weather green, free coaching given, regular club mornings, call Chris 01268 419831.

■ Breathing Exercise Group, run by Breathe Easy Basildon, Steeple View Memorial Hall, Wednesdays 1-2.30pm, if you have COPD or recently finished from Pulmonary rehabilitation call Honorie 01268 574390 for further details.

■ Leigh Singles Social Club, Bellini's, London Road, Leigh, for ages 45-65, every Wednesday 8pm.

■ www.leighsingles.co.uk

■ Social Afternoon of Ballroom and Latin Dancing, Mill Hall, Rayleigh, every Wednesday 1.45-4.15pm, with Pat and

Bob. 01702 544112.

■ Line Dancing Lessons, St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Avenue, Leigh, every Wednesday 12.30-2.30pm, helping to raise funds for the church hall. 01268 281488.

Thursday, May 29

■ The Walking Partnership, 5 mile walk, from Stanbridge Nursing Home lay-by. Walk sea wall and fields, easy walk. 01702 354675.

■ Annual General Meeting, South Green Memorial Hall, Southern Road, Billericay, CM11 2PR. Everyone welcome. Support the hard working committee who the hall running for the community.

■ Art Class, Beginners welcome, Westcliff United Form Church, King's Road, Westcliff-on-Sea, 10am-12pm. Learn to draw and paint with artist Paul Alcock. 01702 615475.

■ Paulalcock43@yahoo.co.uk.

■ Carol's Jazz Crew at The Park View, Chalkwell Park, Westcliff-on-Sea, 01702 483900. 3rd Thursday of the month, 8-10.30pm Entry £5.

■ George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50's. Line Dancing: 1-2pm, Computer £3: 1-3.30pm, Indoor Bowls: 2.15-4.15pm, Bridge 9.30am-12.30pm, Ceramics, 1.30-3pm. £2, 01268 465854.

■ Health Walk, Hockley Woods, 10.45am, car parking in Hockley Woods Car Park, every Thursday, details 01702 318121.

■ Jive classes every Thursday at Ambleside Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, from 8pm, £5 (first night free), all ages welcome, no need to bring a partner. 07771 831507.

■ Buddies Over 50 Singles Club, Anchor Pub, Benfleet, 8.30pm every Thursday, meet new friends, varied social activities, further details Dee, 01268 565045.

■ Meeting, Westcliff National Spiritualist Church, Hildaville Drive, Westcliff, every service we have mediums that demonstrate clairvoyance, Thursdays 7.30pm and Sundays 6.30pm.

■ Pottery, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Thursday 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.

■ Coffee, Cake and Chat, WI Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, ladies and gentlemen, join us every Thursday 2pm, further details Di 07952 148636 or Linda 07504 147462.

■ Stalls in Outpatients Department, next to post box, Southend Hospital, books, bric-a-brac, hand knits etc, every

Thursday 8.30am-3.30pm, all proceeds to Key Hole Cancer Appeal.

■ Tea Dance, St James' Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, ballroom, Latin and sequence, every Thursday 2-4.15pm. 01702 216726.

Friday, May 30

■ Water Colour Class, every Friday, 10.15 am-12.15pm, Leigh Sailing Club, Old Leigh, Beginners, Improvers with Leigh Greetings Card, Artist Teresa Norfolk. 01702 307173.

■ George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50's. Beginners Tai Chi: 10am-12pm, Darts: 2-4pm, Marquetry: 10-12, Art: 12.30-2.30pm. Snooker and Bingo evenings. £2 01268 465854.

■ Runwell Art Club, lively friendly group of people wishing to expand their membership every Friday 10am-1pm, £3 per session, all abilities welcome, further details Carole 01268 560005 or Paula 01268 734436.

■ Sequence Dancing, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Friday 2.15-3.15pm. 01268 465854.

■ Book Club, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Friday 10-11am. 01268 465854.

■ Drama Classes, Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, The Stables, Chalkwell Park Drive, Leigh, not a stage school, designed to increase children's life skills, Fridays after school, to enrol call Dina 01245 328680.

■ Bargain Box Open, Pastoral Centre, St Martin's Church, Basildon (Church walk near Marks and Spencer), every Friday 10am-noon, good quality/nearly new clothes, bric-a-brac, books, videos etc, tea/coffee, all welcome, no entrance charge.

■ Table Tennis, Laindon Community Centre, Aston Road, off High Street, for over 50s, any standard, friendly group, every Friday 11am-1pm, free parking. 07931 564105.

■ Table Tennis, St Andrew's Church Hall, Church Road, Shoebury, every Friday 2-4pm. 01702 343462.

■ Table Tennis, Markhams Chase Sports Centre, Basildon, every Friday 2pm, £2.50 per session.

■ Modern Sequence Tea Dance, St James' Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, Fridays 1.45-3.45pm, details Henry 01702 343462.

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- * EPC BAND E



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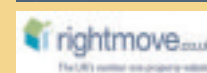
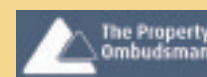
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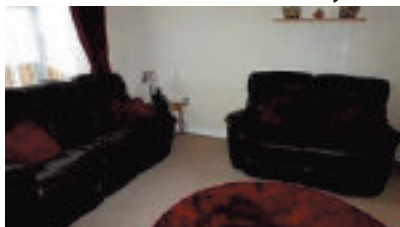
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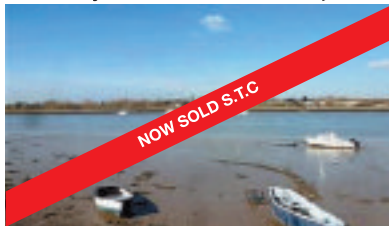
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- One Double Bedroom
- 1st Floor Conversion
- Neutrally Decorated
- Spacious Inside
- Close to Beach
- Close to Amenities
- Dss Considered
- Available Now

New Instruction



Westcliff-On-Sea £650pcm

- 2 Double Bedrooms
- 1st Floor Flat
- Parking Available
- Neutrally Decorated
- Not to be Missed
- Central Westcliff
- Dss Considered
- Available Now

New Instruction



Southend-On-Sea 695

- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Mid-Terrace House
- Southend Borders
- Private Rear Garden
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- Walk to Station
- Employed Applicants
- Available 20th May

New Instruction



Leigh-On-Sea £750pcm

- 2 Bedroom Flat
- 2 Reception Rooms
- First Floor with Garden
- Neutrally Decorated
- Modern Kitchen
- Close to Broadway
- Employed Applicants
- Available Now

New Instruction



Southend-On-Sea 795

- 2 Bedroom House
- Mid-Terraced
- Private Rear Garden
- Wooden Flooring Downstairs
- Beautiful Kitchen
- Southchurch Village
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Allocated Parking



Southend-On-Sea £825pcm

- 2 Double Bedrooms
- 1st Floor Apartment
- SEAFRONT LOCATION
- Very Well-Equipped Kitchen
- Quiet Development
- Beautiful Decor
- Employed Applicants
- Available 1st June

New Instruction



Leigh-On-Sea £895pcm

- Self Contained 2 Bed
- 1st Floor Flat
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Own Section of Garden
- Neutrally Decorated
- Double Bedrooms
- Employed Applicants
- Available Now

Outstanding Views



Shoeburyness £950pcm

- 2 Double Bedrooms
- 1st Floor Apartment
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- Allocated Parking
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- Employed Applicants
- Available 3rd June

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Reduced Bungalow



Westcliff-On-Sea £339,995

BEAUTIFULLY REFURBISHED throughout and having NO ONWARD CHAIN is this large 3 bedroom , DETACHED bungalow in the heart of Westcliff. This wonderfully restored property is built on a large plot and benefits from a sweeping driveway, detached GARAGE and a large garden being approx 158ft in LENGTH and WEST BACKING. Not only does this property offer a modern kitchen breakfast room, newly installed bathroom suite, double glazing, gas central heating and 2 RECEPTION ROOMS, it offers potential to extend subject to planning consent. NO ONWARD CHAIN!!

Reduced Bungalow



Southend-On-Sea £245,000

- Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Detached Garage
- Double Glazed
- Gas Central Heating
- Fitted Kitchen
- Modern Bathroom
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Viewing a must



Flat Reduced



Westcliff-On-Sea £119,995

- Modern Decor
- Double Glazed
- Gas Central Heating
- Off Street Parking
- No Onward Chain
- Viewings by Appointment
- Own Front Door
- Spacious Lounge
- Lovely Building



Modern Flat



Prittlewell £104,995

- Close to Prittlewell Strn
- Purpose Built
- Allocated Parking
- Modern Condition
- No Chain
- Open Plan Living
- Double Glazing
- Juliette Balcony

New Instruction



Southend on Sea £72,500

- First Floor
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Westcliff Parade O.I.E.O £150,000

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Cliffdown Conservation Area £499,995

Attractive four bedroom Victorian townhouse situated in the Cliffdown Conservation Area. Through lounge 30' x 12'6". Dining room 16'4" x 12'9". Kitchen/breakfast room 19'3" x 13'3". Ground floor shower room. Bathroom with Jacuzzi bath. West facing rear garden with hot tub. Gas fired heating by radiators. Excellent decorative order. Residents permit parking. EPC: E



Milton Conservation Area £159,995

Purpose built two bedroom ground floor flat. 18' lounge. Well appointed kitchen and bathroom. Double glazed. Gas fired heating. Garage plus additional parking space. Easy access to town centre and train stations. Own private garden. Lease in excess of 160 years. EPC: D



Southend on Sea £105,000

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Leigh on Sea O.I.E.O £200,000

Three bedroom semi-detached house. Three reception rooms. Double glazed. Gas fired heating. Off-street parking for up to three vehicles. South backing rear garden. Easy access to major road system. No onward chain. EPC: F



Cliffdown Conservation Area £450,000

Three bedroom first and second floor cliff-top apartment offering superb estuary views. South facing lounge 22' x 15' reducing to 11'. Master bedroom with south facing balcony. First floor cloakroom. Quality fitted bathroom. Majority double glazed. Gas fired heating. Own parking space to the rear. Close to Southend town centre, railway station and seaford. EPC: F



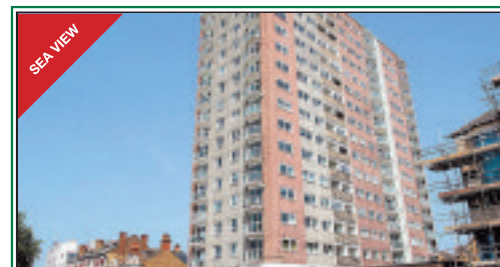
Shorefield Conservation Area £125,000

Two bedroom ground floor flat situated in an imposing building within walking distance of seaford. Lounge. Bathroom/w.c. Kitchen. Gas central heating. Double glazing. Allocated parking space. 99 year lease. No onward chain. EPC: D



Boutique Hotel, Royal Terrace £799,995

A unique opportunity to purchase this beautiful Grade Two listed eight bedroom Boutique Hotel located in the heart of Southend's Conservation Area, and benefiting from panoramic estuary views. Features include elegant drawing room with original fireplace and full width balcony. All guest rooms bedrooms have en-suite facilities. Superb residents dining room. Staff facilities. The property has undergone extensive refurbishment incorporating a delightful blend of both original and contemporary features.



Westcliff Parade £245,000

Two/three bedroom purpose built second floor apartment. Estuary views from two west facing balconies. Lounge 23' x 14'. Well fitted kitchen 11' x 8'. Wet Room. Lifts to all floors. Garage in block plus communal parking and gardens to front and rear. Current lease in excess of 900 years. Easy access to seaford & mainline railway stations, plus town centre. No onward chain. EPC: E

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THE PAVILIONS - £695 pcm

IMMACULATE TWO double bedroom first floor apartment close to Southend Town Centre and all local amenities with Estuary glimpses; Lounge; Bathroom with Shower; Fitted Kitchen; Double Glazed; Communal Gardens; Private Parking; Available now; Unfurnished; No Pets: EPC G: Admin fee £110.00 per adult



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CAPADOCIA STREET - £625 pcm

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THE LEAS - £900 pcm

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CAMBRIDGE ROAD - £800 pcm

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RAMPART TERRACE - £950 pcm

IMMACULATE first floor TWO double bedroom apartment offering PANORAMIC ESTUARY VIEWS close to Shoebury mainline railway station and East Beach; Security Entrance; Large Lounge with Estuary Views; Open plan fitted Kitchen; Central Heating; Double Glazed; Parking Available end May; Unfurnished; No Pets: EPC C: Admin fee £110.00 per adult



TOWER COURT - £650 pcm

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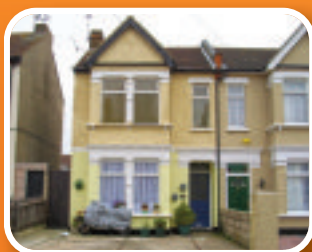


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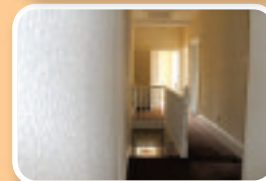
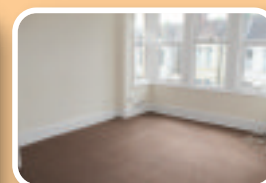


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A five bedroom detached house situated in a prime location on Marine Parade close to Leigh Broadway and the Station. Prominent corner plot with garage and large heated swimming pool. The property offers very large accommodation with a wealth of Goldworthy charm and character including a 22'5 x 15'2 lounge with inglenook style fireplace and 22'9 x 21'6 open plan dining room and sitting room. Ref et15219



Marine Estate, Leigh £995,000

An imposing detached house with an amazing 80' road frontage situated in a highly sought after location walking distance of LEIGH STATION and within the Westleigh Schools catchment area. Large double garage, in and out driveway with extensive parking. 80' x 66' rear garden, five bedrooms, en suite bathroom, 25' x 14' lounge with inglenook fireplace, 18' x 14' 2nd lounge, 17'3 x 14'6 dining room, 25' x 12'6 kitchen, 20' x 12' conservatory.



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Close to Leigh Broadway £399,950

Detached Victorian family house which dates back to the late 1800's, situated in a superb location within walking distance of Leigh Broadway and Station and is within the Westleigh Schools catchment area. There are three bedrooms, delightful lounge, large separate dining room opening onto a spacious conservatory which overlooks a 75' approx rear garden, fitted kitchen, bathroom/w.c. & OFF STREET PARKING. Ref et15223



Leigh-on-sea £415,000

Exceptional three bedroom character house in eagerly sought after Highlands Estate location, close to the nature reserve and woods. Westleigh schools are nearby and Leigh Station is within striking distance. This super house has two elegant reception rooms, a large luxury fitted kitchen, 60' rear garden, large detached garage and an external office/ gym.



Attention builders and cash buyers - Highlands Leigh £299,995

A three bedroom semi detached character house requiring extensive modernisation and remedial works. Great location walking distance of Leigh Station and within the Westleigh Schools catchment area. Three bedrooms, lounge and separate dining room 70' approx rear garden. Lots of charm and character but lots of work required too ! Ref et15194



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Westcliff £415,000

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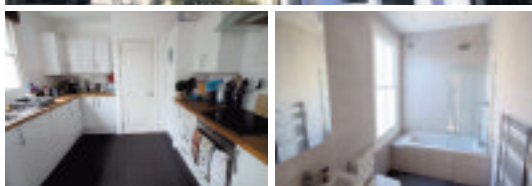


Southend on Sea £250,000

Being situated within walking distance of Prittlewell Station is this unique ground floor apartment located within the sympathetically restored 1930's Pickfords Building. Having high ceiling this loft style apartment incorporates approximately 1,127 sq ft and is fully self contained being the only one within the block to have its own front door. Integrated features include fresh air system, scene lighting, speakers to all rooms with radio facility and CAT 5 cabling. There is allocated parking and viewing comes highly recommended.

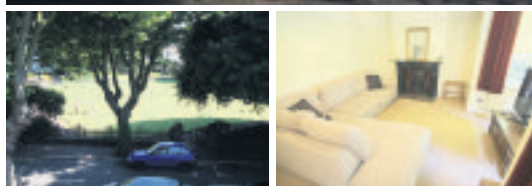
Prestigious Pickfords Building	Allocated parking
Ground floor apartment	Open plan lounge
Fully self contained	kitchen/dining room
Integrated fresh air system	Two bedrooms
Scene lighting	En-suite shower room

Southend On Sea £375,000



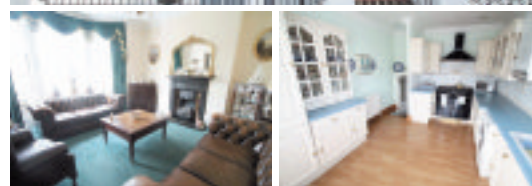
Four bedroom character end of terrace town house located in the sought after Clifftown Conservation Area. The property benefits from off street parking, en-suite to master bedroom, newly fitted kitchen and bathroom, new gas central heating and has courtyard rear garden. EPC rating D

Southend On Sea £499,950



Three storied end of terrace Victorian town house which is currently split into two self contained apartments being a basement apartment and upper floor maisonette. The property has the advantage of large front garden with off street parking for two / three vehicles along with courtyard West backing rear garden. Cashibury Terrace offers extensive views over the bowling green and offers enormous potential along with offering early vacant possession.

Southend On Sea £350,000



Clifftown Conservation Area and directly overlooking bowling green is this well maintained character first and second floor maisonette offering two reception rooms, two/three bedrooms, spacious kitchen/breakfast room and two fabulous south facing sun terraces. There is a garage to rear and low maintenance courtyard and viewing is recommended.

Southend On Sea £179,950



Immaculate and spacious ground floor purpose built apartment located just off of Southend seafront within a highly sought after development. There is a large open plan lounge/diner, separate fitted kitchen with integrated appliances and two bedrooms, the main having en-suite, with a further bathroom/wc. Allocated parking and own garden personal seating area. No onward chain.

Westcliff On Sea £94,500



First floor flat situated within a central location of Westcliff. The property benefits from full double glazing and gas central heating as well as own half of rear garden, which is approached via a side access. EPC rating D

Southend On Sea £170,000



End of terrace family house benefitting from two reception rooms, three bedrooms and having a shared drive with off street parking to front and further parking potential to rear. The property is double glazed and offers a rear garden approximately 65' in length. No onward chain. Keys held for viewing.

Westcliff On Sea £675 pcm



First floor apartment situated within the sought after Milton Conservation Area, large lounge/diner, two double bedrooms, bathroom with shower over bath and separate wc, fitted kitchen with integrated four ring gas hob with oven under and extractor over, plumbing recess for washing machine, recess for fridge/freezer, gas central heating.

Westcliff On Sea £620 pcm



First floor apartment situated within a central location of Westcliff, South of the London Road just off of Hamlet Court Road. Lounge with open plan kitchen area, integrated four ring gas hob with oven and grill under and extractor fan, plumbing and recess for washing machine, recess for refrigerator, two bedrooms, one double and one large single, bathroom/wc with white suite and chrome fittings with shower attachment over the bath, full double glazing and gas central heating, fully self contained.

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by Val Jessop

FORD'S teenie city car, the Ka, has earned a good deal of respect during its 18-year reign, coping with some demanding conditions at times.

Like the time, in deepest Brittany, it soldiered valiantly on ice-packed roads that hadn't seen a speck of salt or grit during a lengthy Siberian blast.

It proved a real trouper and performed strongly and confidently (far more than the driver) and shimmied its way towards the Channel ports – safely and soundly.

The Ka, then several years after its debut in 1996, was presented more as a mighty mini with muscles as well as dapper looks.

Move on a decade and more and the Ka is in a different ball game where city street considerations are top of the priority list. The pronounced limpet look has been softened – though the Ka still swanks an attractive and distinctive shell. But you get the feeling that the mechanics and dynamics are more softly, softly styled.

The car came with the Hobson's Choice 1.2-litre Duratec petrol engine with automatic stop/start. It is light-hearted and nippy enough around town, its natural environment. However, it laboured at high speed on the open road and motorways when engine noise increased markedly. Not something that registered with me in earlier models.

Steering is delightfully precise and feather-



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light – a bonus in restricted, clogged-up streets where parking is often a shoe-horn affair. But the steering firms up sufficiently to reassure as the Ka picks up speed away from the urban jungle.

Surprisingly, the suspension set-up makes a decent ride for a city car and, together with that low profile and decent grip, ensures respectable road-holding and impressive cornering with very little lurch.

The five-speed manual gearbox works impressively smoothly and is well-suited to the 67bhp engine. It accommodates brisk selection necessary to generate sufficient

urge for higher speeds. Take your eye off the ball and performance will be a let-down.

Even under duress, the engine, though vocal, copes well enough and the brakes bite impressively. Still, today's Ka seemed to lack the bolshy verve of its predecessors.

It is not the cheapest nor the most economical in the city car segment but it does a decent job, returning an average 57.7mpg and emitting acceptable CO2 levels of 115g/km.

The Ka, which now shares underpinnings with Fiat's 500 model, does still offer good internal space (and better than quite a few

rivals) with excellent boot space – marred by a high-rise load lip.

Ford's city car still has style on its side, but it is a little pricey, with disappointing equipment levels on lower trim models. The entry Studio, starting at £9,000, doesn't get remote central locking, electric windows or important things like electronic stability control and side airbags. But MP3 connection and a six-speaker stereo are standard.

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Motoring News

Rolls does some showboating



WAVE OF APPRECIATION: The Phantom Drophead Coupe Waterspeed is Rolls-Royce's tribute to Sir Malcolm Campbell's legendary speedboat Bluebird

by Mike Torpey

ROLLS-ROYCE is paying tribute to Sir Malcolm Campbell and his water speed record breaking speedboat Bluebird with its latest bespoke collection.

The luxury car-maker has chosen two fitting locations for the debuts of the car – the Phantom Drophead Coupe Waterspeed.

In Britain, the collection is being unveiled on the site of the original Bluebird Motor Company – now the Bluebird Restaurant – on London's King's Road. The building was commissioned in 1923 to be Europe's largest garage and was built in the era's Art Deco style, which it preserves today. The business ultimately helped fund Campbell's pursuit to wrest the water-speed record from its American holders.

The car will then head to the Concorso d'Eleganza at Villa D'Este on the shores of Italy's Lake Como, where it will be unveiled to the public for the first time.

It was on the adjacent Lake Maggiore where, on September 1, 1937, Campbell

established his legend, setting a world-record speed of 126.33mph in the Bluebird K3, powered by a Rolls-Royce R engine.

Waterspeed Collection Phantom Drophead Coupes have bespoke design and engineering features to create a contemporary tribute to Campbell's famous craft. The car is finished in a specially developed Maggiore Blue exterior paint, inspired by Bluebird's colour scheme. Nine layers of paint are applied before a process of hand-sanding and powdered lacquer is undertaken to ensure a perfect finish. And, for the first time in Rolls-Royce history, the exterior finish extends to the engine.

The finish also adorns the car's eleven-spoke wheels and the exterior is topped off with a Bluebird motif that takes four hours to apply by hand. Further reference to Campbell's craft is made via a new interpretation of the famous 'power reserve' dial. As the driver presses on, the dial moves backwards towards a yellow and blue zone, echoing Campbell's original K3 boat's 'going into the blue' at maximum engine revs.

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SOUTHEND missed out on a trip to Wembley after suffering season-ending heartbreak after only managing to draw this tie on Saturday.

After a frenetic start, in front of a near full house and before the live TV cameras, it was the Brewers who opened the scoring when Anthony Holness doubled the aggregate lead on 21 minutes with a splendid header from Chris Hussey's wickedly inswinging free-kick.

But, it wasn't long until Ryan Leonard's exquisite 32nd minute finish put the Blues firmly back in the mix with an unstoppable overhead effort.

Southend – now with the upper hand – had Burton on the ropes and Anthony Straker levelled the contest on 39 minutes with a powerful header from Michael Timlin's lofted cross to at last give the noisy home crowd belief.

Leonard had options straight after the break, but instead of squaring for better placed colleagues, he decided to go it alone – and despite forcing Dean Lyness into the smartest of saves, the miss proved to be the turning point.

The Brewers reshuffled in midfield and with the introduction of Billy Kee, the Blues had to sustain heavy pressure and withstand several nervous moments, with Daniel Bentley outstanding, until Adam McGurk hit what proved to be winner with 20 minutes left.

Despite piling on the pressure, Southend failed to make that vital breakthrough and at least force extra-time, with sub, Jack Payne trying his luck and forcing Lyness into a important save, Leonard going close with a volley and Barry Corr inches away from toe-ending a chance home.

A disappointed Phil Brown said: "I



Ryan Leonard goes close

am sad for the players. I have been saying all season that it is a hugely young group – with five 20 year olds out there today. They're learning to take in this sadness and what Burton felt this time last season. You can use this moments of sadness to your advantage. Hopefully, next season we can take hold of this division with a vengeance.

"We thought we had done the job at half-time and just needed to stay calm – but somehow we didn't manage it. In the second half, when Ryan Leonard hits the bye-line – he just needed to square it; maybe we just need to learn in those situations. If it goes to 3-1, then it's 'game over."

"The players have given their all

this season. We went through a period of not winning for twelve games. But, we managed to get in the play-offs, finish fifth, but we came up against a side that felt last year what we are experiencing now and they have used it to their advantage.

"We just needed that little bit of fortune in front of goal. But, it wasn't to be and it's Burton's day. I hope this squad can learn from this experience and my job will be to keep them together."

Blues' skipper, John White, admitted: "I think it's going to take a little while to sink in. There is so much frustration in the dressing room and it's tough to take. But, I think we have a strong enough group of lads,

that we can take it on our shoulders and crack on for next season."

Brewers' boss, Gary Rowett added: "After last year it would have been disappointing to have gone out at the semi-final stage – but it's 'fun' time for us now having reached Wembley."

SOUTHEND UNITED: Daniel Bentley – John White (captain), Jacob Sokolik, John Egan, Ben Coker – Kevan Hurst, Ryan Leonard, Michael Timlin (Conor Clifford 65), Will Atkinson (Jack Payne 78), Anthony Straker (Freddie Eastwood 72) – Barry Corr. Subs (not used): Paul Smith (gk), Marc Laird, Luke Prosser, Lee Barnard, Jacob Murphy.

BURTON ALBION: Dean Lyness – Phil Edwards, Marcus Holness, Shane Cansdell-Sheriff, Chris Hussey – David Gray (Alex MacDonald 75), Robbie Weir, Lee Bell (captain), Callum McFadden – Adam McGurk, Dominic Knowles (Billy Kee 53). Subs (not used): Rob Lainton (gk), Gary Alexander, Zander Diamond, Matty Palmer, Michael Symes,

Photo by Martin Dalton

Football

Ensign are relegated

Non-league round up by Brian Jeeves
PREMIER Division White Ensign finally lost their Prokit Essex Olympian League relegation battle after defeats to Harold Wood and Hannakins Farm.

Manager Aaron Bloxham told Yellow Sport how he could find words to explain his disappointment, this after his charges went down 2-0 at Harold Wood in midweek. But Bloxham was far more upbeat after Saturday's 2-1 reverse to Hannakins Farm at the Len Forge Centre, claiming "We couldn't have done any more." Welcome Mtshali grabbed Ensign's goal but it wasn't enough to save the Southend based outfit from the drop.

Elsewhere in the top division Harold Wood followed up that midweek triumph with a stunning 5-2 win over Buckhurst Hill while goals from Michael Daniels, Lee Newton and a double from Stephen Willis saw Kelvedon Hatch beat May & Baker E.C. 4-1.

Frenford Senior beat Manford Way 3-0 and there was a notable win for Rayleigh Town who edged out Harold Hill by the odd goal in five.

Champions Southminster St Leonards were held 1-1 by Newbury Forest, Tom Hine netting for the Saints.

In Senior Division One Epping Town won a pulsating encounter at Forest Glade by five goals to three while Canning Town were held 1-1 by Galleywood.

In the Mid-Essex League Division Six, Southend based Leigh Ramblers clinched promotion after an effervescent double header with chi ef rivals Rayne.

In the first encounter Rams went a goal down when a long ball over the top was latched on to by Harry Dines. In the second half a change of formation saw Ramblers equalised. Max Holmes rising the highest to nod home at the far post. Then, in the final minutes, Ryan Kirby found the far corner to seal the game 2-1.

The second game saw Rayne forge ahead in the first half thanks to a header in by Daniel Balldock.

However, persistence paid off for Ramblers as Max Holmes bagged his second of the day deep into injury time to steel a point and confirm promotion.

Ramblers' manager Neil Foster told Yellow Sport: "It wasn't ideal playing a double header with so much at stake for both sides, but our lads have earned all the success they have gained this year."

And he added: "It's a young side, they work for each other and their never day die attitude has brought them the enjoyment of sealing one of the two promotion spots."

Redbacks youngsters upset defending champions

Baseball

Forest Glade Redbacks U13s 3-2 London Mets U13
Forest Glade Redbacks U13s 7-8 London Mets U13
ON a beautiful Saturday afternoon, the Redbacks' U13 team won for the first time this season against the defending champions, London Mets.

The tight 3-2 win, one of the tightest ever games in both clubs' histories, was followed by a narrow 8-7 defeat, proving that the Essex side had made fantastic progress already this year and are likely to challenge for the Little League title as the summer continues.

Redbacks U13 manager Sean Briscoe said: "We came close to beating the Mets last week before the

weather intervened, but there was no chance of us stopping in such glorious weather this time around!

"The guys put in a great performance to win the first game and I think that we had chances to win the second one as well, which would really have made a statement to the whole league as to how far we've come, and how much we want to pick up a winners trophy this season."

Essex Redbacks II 21-24 Essex Archers

Redbacks' second team came close to picking up their first win of the year against the Essex Archers, in Waltham Abbey, on Sunday.

Without both of their regular pitchers, the job fell

to Dan Straw to showcase his talents on his debut and his first pitching performance in over two seasons.

The Archers seized their chances as they were also chasing their first win of the season, and rushed out to a sizeable early lead, but were pegged back with nine runs in the fourth inning as Dave Jesshop and the returning Adam Commons were both aggressive around the bases, backed by the bats of Darren Wainier and Jason Gore.

In the outfield, strong performances by Joe Dawe and George Baitman helped the Redbacks limit the Archers' response, but their early lead was enough to ultimately get them over the line, Dan Straw pitching all seven innings for the visitors.

Hammered!

Speedway

VORTEX Hammers Promoter Jon Cook says the team will learn from Monday's defeat against King's Lynn.

Cook commented after the match: "We weren't good enough as a team and it showed. We dropped points and not looking for partners cost us a win."

"Neil Vatcher and I are going to be making changes ahead of Saturday in the riding order and will look at changing the team itself if it doesn't work."



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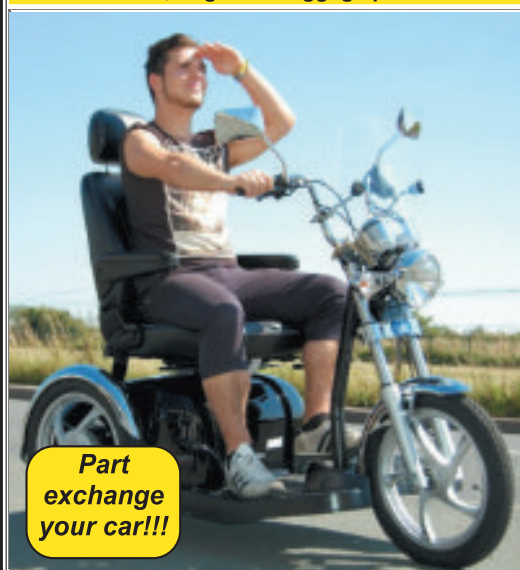
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